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Coronavirus outbreak

U-46 still bringing back youngest

In-person return will go on despite case rise in Kane and DuPage

By: Karie Angell Luc

District U-46 officials say they are committed to getting students back to school starting next week despite new restrictions for Kane and DuPage counties triggered by a surge in COVID-19 case numbers.

Superintendent Tony Sanders told the school board Monday the district is sticking to its plan to have preschool through second grade students attend in-person classes on a part-time basis starting Oct. 26, followed by third through sixth grade students sometime after Thanksgiving.

Sanders acknowledged that COVID-19 positivity rates are going in the wrong direction, and ultimately the return “really depends on our community’s willingness to adhere to our new social contract,” which includes face mask usage, 6-foot social distancing and hand washing.

People are “back in restaurants, they’re back in bars, they’re back in pumpkin patches and others places where people want to gather, and so it is causing all of our numbers across Kane, Cook and DuPage to rise rapidly,” Sanders said.

Kane and DuPage reported a COVID-19 positivity rate of 9% for three consecutive days, prompting Gov. J.B. Pritzker to announce Tuesday that restaurants and bars in both counties will be banned from offering indoor service and gatherings capped at 25 people or 25% of room capacity. Kankakee and Will counties will be under the same restrictions for the same reasons, Pritzker said. A county must have a 6.5% positivity rate or lower for three consecutive days for the restrictions to be lifted.

Sanders’ comments were made before the governor’s announcement, but he stressed that getting kids back into schools “is all contingent on us continuing to monitor our data and our ability to adhere to the public health guidelines.”

The district will update plans on Nov. 4 for the return of middle schoolers, with the goal being that small groups of students will start a hybrid schedule starting Nov. 9. Students with special needs and children using English as a second language services would return the same week.

Small groups of high school students will return the week of Nov. 9 for certain courses but most won’t be back until the second semester, Sanders said.

School board member Eva Porter said she continues to receive email from parents, and she’s asked them to “be patient.”

“We are moving in the right direction,” she said. “We want (students) to be safe.”

Board member Kate Thommes said she empathizes with teachers, who want to know the district’s back-to-school plan as much as students and parents do.

“Every teacher I know is hanging on by a thread,” said Thommes, adding that “distance learning is rotten in many, many ways and I think this district has done a great job of making it as least rotten as possible.”

Sanders joked that should be the message they send out. “We can put that on our website, the least rotten,” he said.

“Every decision we make is the best bad decision we could make,” Sanders said. “No matter what we do, it’s still the bad decision in the eyes of somebody, but it’s the best decision we can make in the moment.”

Pet of the Week



Pair of pups needing the same home

These two 11-year olds arrived at DuPage County Animal Services when their owner passed away. They are a bit of an odd couple, but Reese, the Thai ridgeback, relies on Ralph, the puggle, quite a bit so they do need to be adopted together.

Ralph is an outgoing, happy-go-lucky guy— friendly with everyone he meets, loves food and playing with toys. Reese is a bit more reserved though, and takes her time getting to know new people, but she is friendly. They are happiest around small dogs and older children.

Their foster mom says they are total couch potatoes, but happily go for leisurely walks. They’re just a pair of laid back pups looking for their forever family.

All those interested may get the adoption process started by completing an adoption application at bit.ly/OurAdoptables and a staff member will reach out to schedule a time for a meet and greet.

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Partisan U-46 tweet violates state ethics act

By Seth Hancock

A partisan tweet on School District U-46’s official Twitter page, and seen on its website, was called a “mistake.”

A tweet supporting Democrat presidential nominee Joe Biden over Republican President Donald Trump was made by Teresa Lance, U-46’s assistant superintendent of equity and innovation, on the evening of Sunday, Oct. 11 which was subsequently retweeted by the district’s official page.

The tweet included a campaign ad for Biden and Lance used #VoteHimOut2020. The original tweet stated the ad was “straight fire” and included #BlackLivesMatter and #BidenHarris2020.

Political endorsements violate the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act which, under Section 5-15 Prohibited Political Activities, states a government entity or employee can “not intentionally misappropriate any State property or resources by engaging in any prohibited political activity for the benefit of any campaign for elective office or any political organization.”

The tweet was deleted by the afternoon of Oct. 12, which was Columbus Day, on the district page but was up for at least 20 hours based on the timestamp of a screenshot sent to *The Examiner* and when *The Examiner* verified that tweet was on the district page.

Mary Fergus, director of school and community relations, told *The Examiner*: “I made this mistake, it was an error and not intentional. The District’s Twitter account should not be used for political purposes. It is the expectation that this will not happen again. I apologize for the error. I noticed it late Sunday afternoon and immediately clicked ‘undo retweet.’”

In a follow-up noting the tweet was up on Monday, Fergus said that was likely the day when she deleted the retweet.

“I worked all through the long holiday weekend and it was a bit busy but that’s probably correct; it most likely was late Monday afternoon,” Fergus said.

The district did not respond to if there will be any consequences for the tweet, including for Lance as part of Superintendent Tony Sanders’ administrative team. Lance has since deleted the tweet from her page but has many anti-Trump, anti-Republican tweets including another in October with the #VoteHimOut2020 in which she accuses U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) of having “racist

views.”

There are also a plethora of political tweets on the U-46 page including recognizing Oct. 12 as “Indigenous People’s Day” in order to move “beyond the narrative of oppression” of Columbus Day. The district has posted Black Lives Matter (BLM), which has aligned itself with Marxism, and has tweeted that it will “unsettle the order of things” in order to confront what they call racism.

The continued support for leftwing causes by the district comes even after a student emailed a public comment for the Oct. 5 Board of Education meeting. The email, which was signed “A Concerned South Elgin High School Student,” stated his opposition to the district emailing students a video supporting BLM even after many violent riots and looting had taken place this year during BLM-organized protests.

Sanders stated the district responded to that student but the student, who wished to remain anonymous, told *The Examiner* he did not feel the district took his concerns seriously.

The South Elgin High School principal responded to the concern, but the student said the concern was with the district environment overall and not necessarily the individual school.

“I’d rather have a response from Tony because he’s the one in charge, and he definitely probably approves the videos that go out,” the student said.

Most of the concern stemmed from Tefft Middle School and the atmosphere being created by U-46 in which students who say they support Trump will be targeted by teachers and will be called racists by their fellow classmates. The anonymous student said there was still some of that at South Elgin, but overall things have been a lot better there.

Asked about the partisan tweet by the district, the student said: “Everyone has different beliefs, everyone comes from different backgrounds. If they’re here to truly teach us, if they’re here to truly be equal, they shouldn’t be supporting one party or one side.... If they’re there for equity and equality, how is that equal? When you have the person who’s in charge of equity and equality, how is it equal showing one side?”

The district did not respond to *The Examiner* when questioned if students or families from conservative or Republican backgrounds can expect to be treated fairly by the district considering the partisan tweet.

Public Works proposals approved by board vote

By Seth Hancock

The Village Board of Trustees unanimously approved (5-0 vote) a pair of public works proposals at its meeting on Oct. 6.

Included was a resolution approving of a public improvements completion agreement with Pulte Home Company, LLC, which is constructing the Eastfield Subdivision near Bartlett High School.

“The Public Improvements include water main, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, storm detention basin, roadway and (right-of-way) improvements,” a memo from Bob Allen, village engineer, stated.

The board approved of the subdivision plan in September as Pulte plans to build 27 single family homes on a nearly 15-acre piece of land on the

northwest corner of Petersdorf Road and Army Trail Road.

Also approved was an ordinance allowing for the sale of surplus personal property owned by the village through an internet auction.

To be sold are a 2008 dump truck as well as a 1999 lowboy trailer.

Dan Dinges, director of public works, wrote in a memo: “The surplus vehicles and property are to be auctioned by Obenauf Auction Services. As part of their service, Obenauf identifies potential bidders who may be interested in the type of vehicles and equipment the departments wish to sell. The Village has utilized Obenauf in prior years and the service they provide has proven to be a very effective method for disposal of the Village’s surplus property.”

Pleas mounting for U-46 to reopen its schools

By Seth Hancock

Pressure is mounting on School District U-46 to open schools while district officials are asking the public to have “compassion and understanding” surrounding their decisions as the district has tightened its restrictions under the COVID-19 regulatory climate.

A Facebook group, ReOpen U46 Schools, has over 1,000 members who are encouraging the public to email the administration and Board of Education members.

At the Oct. 5 board meeting, held electronically, member Kate Thommes said the board has received “so very many emails” with a theme that students are struggling, but she said: “We’re going to get through this together.”

In September, Superintendent Tony Sanders said the district “could easily get all kids back into school in a hybrid model pretty quickly,” but that’s not the goal of the district.

The district admitted the evidence nationally and from the area suggests schools being open are not leading to the problems it expected when the board approved the school year plans in July. Some select groups, like transition program students, have returned in recent weeks.

However, the district’s tentative plans to go to hybrid at the start of second quarter (Oct. 26) is only for pre-kindergarten through second grade, not through middle school as originally planned.

At the Oct. 5 meeting, mother Kristen Carney expressed her frustration with the district’s plans. She noted that some schools are open as the district is renting out space for childcare.

“You might all want them in school, however, the timeframe for which you are approving them to return is unacceptable and detrimental to their learning,” Carney said. She added: “As elected officials, you are sup-

posed to represent all families in the district which includes even those that want an option to have their child or children return to synchronous instruction at school.”

U-46 staff, like other governing bodies, have been able to keep their taxpayer funded jobs while many other citizens have lost theirs due to the government’s actions, but Sanders said the public doesn’t understand what his administration is going through.

“I get a lot of emails not understanding the complexities of what we have to do in the back-office systems to try to make this whole thing work,” Sanders said. “They don’t live in the world that I live in and the world that (Deputy Superintendent Suzanne) Johnson lives in on a daily basis.”

A recent survey of pre-kindergarten through second grade families showed that 56 percent wanted hybrid and 37 percent wanted to remain in distance learning, the rest (624 families) had not responded. Sanders said teachers were complaining that they would have to work more under hybrid, but “we must maintain that minimum daily instruction.”

Board member Eva Porter said “we represent a large range of district’s, students, staff and stakeholders” and teachers have expressed concerns around “transparency, timely communication, involvement in the decision making process, safely social distancing in the classroom,” among others. She said, regarding parent concerns, “students are falling behind, you say, in some cases,” but “we’re trying to do the best that we can.”

Board member Melissa Owens said “this is not a reflection” on staff, and “I want to recognize... parents and students and families have really come through.” Board member Veronica Noland said “it takes everyone doing their part” and people need to have “compassion and understanding.... We are all struggling in this pandemic.”

Proclamation sets October as Arts DuPage Month

By Seth Hancock

Village President Kevin Wallace has proclaimed October as Arts DuPage Month in Bartlett.

Wallace issued the proclamation at the Village Board of Trustees meeting on Oct. 6. He urged the public to “celebrate and promote” art through the month.

“The arts improve our economy, enrich our civic life, drive tourism and commerce and exert a profound positive influence on the education of our children,” Wallace said. “Arts DuPage has regularly issued official proclamations to all the cities, towns and villages in DuPage County on an annual basis designating October as Arts DuPage Month.”

Arts-based business represent 4.2 percent, nearly 2,300 total, businesses in DuPage County according to Wallace. Over 15,000 full-time employees work in the arts in the county.

The arts are a “larger share of the economy than transportation, tourism, agriculture and construction,” Wallace said, and “arts have never been more important to inspire, heal and connect us within our

country” as COVID-19 regulations persist.

Wallace added: “The arts embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect and imagination of humankind. The arts enrich us as individuals and play a unique role in the lives of our families, our communities. The arts promote a better understanding of the diversified cultures within our communities and unify us regardless of age, race and ethnicity.”

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Police Reports

STREAMWOOD
Thursday, Oct. 1
★ At 6:35 p.m., police responded to a report of retail theft at Walmart, 850 S. Barrington Road. Terri A. Biddle, 52, of Atlantic Avenue, Hoffman Estates, was arrested for retail theft <\$300. Biddle was transported to the police department where she later posted bond and was released with a court date of Oct. 29.

Sunday, Oct. 11
★ At 4:22 a.m., police responded to the Pingree Grove Police Department for a failure to appear warrant out of Streamwood. Ruben Ramirez, 27, of Longford Circle, Elgin, was taken into custody for the outstanding warrant and transported to the police department where he later posted bond and was released with a new court date of Nov. 3.

BARTLETT
Sunday, Oct. 14
★ At 12:47 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Illinois Route 59, Meliza M. Calderon, 19, of the 10000 block of Diversey, Melrose Park, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Calderon was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a

Nov. 19 court date.
★ At 1:21 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Illinois Route 59, German Ayala, 24, of the 500 block of Walnut, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Ayala was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a Nov. 19 court date.
★ At 2:07 a.m., in the vicinity of Army Trail and Fair Oaks, Jamar Holmes, 31, of the 1400 block of Rock Run, Crest Hill, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Holmes was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with an unspecified court date.
★ At 7:34 a.m., police responded to the 1000 block of Georgian for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a political sign from her yard.
★ At 8:01 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Red Oak, Jenry Valdes, 27, of the 100 block of Seasons, West Dundee, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Valdes was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a Nov. 4 court date.
★ At 11:44 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of First for a landlord/tenant dispute over fishing.
★ At 2:07 p.m., police responded to

the 700 block of Gardenia for a fraud complaint. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had used her personal information to apply for unemployment benefits.
★ At 2:37 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Marina for a report of a domestic in progress. The officer separated the parties involved and was able to restore peace.
★ At 8:12 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Cedar for a report of suspicious activity in a neighboring residence. The officer checked the residence and found no signs of criminal activity.
★ At 8:38 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Wildberry for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen political signs from her yard.
★ At 10:53 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Amherst for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen political signs from his yard.

Monday, Oct. 12
★ At 12:45 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Holly for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen three political signs from his yard.
★ At 5:30 a.m., police responded to the 1100 block of Independence for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen political signs from her yard. The theft was captured on video.
★ At 10:21 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Williamsburg for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen two political signs from his yard.
★ At 10:49 a.m., police responded to the 800 block of Illinois Route 59 for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen four bottles of alcohol.
★ At 11:51 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Holly for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen three political signs from her yard.

Tuesday, Oct. 13
★ At 6:52 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of First for a report of a suspicious person fishing. The subject was advised he did not have permission to fish there and would be issued a no-trespass order should he return.
★ At 8:29 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Morning Glory for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a sign from his front yard during the night.
★ At 11:14 a.m., in the 300 block of Lake, a 17-year old male subject, of the 600 block of Harding, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. The subject was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a Nov. 4 court date.
★ At 11:42 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Old Lake, Kelli A. Rowe, 37, of the 3000 block of Middleton, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Rowe was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a Nov. 6 court date.
★ At 11:59 a.m., police responded to the 800 block of Foster for a report of theft. Complainant advised a possible known offender was believed to have stolen her necklace.

Wednesday, Oct. 14
★ At 1:24 a.m., police responded to Creative Werks for a request to remove an unwanted subject who had become disruptive.
★ At 4:04 a.m., in the vicinity of Muger and Brewster Creek, David, Castaneda-Gurrola, 35, of the 400 block of Highbury, Elgin, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Castaneda-Gurrola was processed per department procedures and later released on

an I-bond with a Dec. 14 court date.
★ At 9:54 a.m., police responded to the 600 block of Winchester for a fraud complaint.
★ At 11:31 a.m., police responded to the 700 block of Sterling for a neighbor dispute over cigarette smoke entering her residence from a neighboring one.
★ At 12:04 p.m., police responded to the 900 block of Martingale for a report of unknown offender(s) stealing and defacing signs.
★ At 5:31 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Foster for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen her garbage can.

Thursday, Oct. 15
★ At 12:11 a.m., in the vicinity of Munger and Forest Preserve, Rita D. Patel, 47, of the 300 block of Glenwood, Bloomingdale, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Patel was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with an unspecified court date.
★ At 11:59 a.m., police responded to the 900 block of Bryn Mawr for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a sign from his front yard during the night.
★ At 3:18 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Daniel. A 17-year old male, of the Daniel address, was arrested on a valid juvenile warrant. The subject was processed per department procedures and later transported to Cook County.
★ At 5:10 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of North Crest for a fraud complaint. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had used his personal information to open an account.
★ At 10:10 p.m., police responded to the 800 block of Brookside for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a sign from his front yard during the night.
★ At 10:21 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of Heather for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen a sign from his front yard during the night.

Friday, Oct. 16
★ At 3:20 a.m., police responded to the 900 block of Balsam for a report of theft. Complainant advised unknown offender(s) had stolen signs from her front yard.
★ At 8:55 a.m., in the vicinity of Lake and Elizabeth, Darrel Williams, 54, of the 300 block of Madison, Calumet City, was arrested for aggravated speeding. Williams was processed per department procedures and later released on an I-bond with a Nov. 4 court date.
★ At 10:07 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of Hood for a fraud complaint.

Co-op girls golf team repeats as UEC champions

By Seth Hancock
The U-46 co-op girls golf team wrapped up the season repeating as the Upstate Eight Conference champs, and the squad's two seniors led the way in the postseason.
At the UEC meet, U-46 shot a 392 to capture the team title, 17 strokes ahead of runner up Glenbard South, on Sept. 30 at St. Andrews Golf Course in West Chicago.
The team's No. 1 golfer, senior Gabby Garza, shot a 94 to finish third overall. Garza was disappointed with her score, but she said: "Overall, our team did good, and that's all that matters."
Freshman Sheridan York shot a 98 and both senior Meghan Nelson, the team's captain, and freshman Cheyenne Ward a 100 to round out the team's score.
At the South Elgin Regional, U-46 finished tied for seventh, with Glenbard North, in the nine-team field with a 401 on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Garza and Nelson led the effort with 95s as the team's only seniors capped their high school careers.
"They missed the cut by two, but my two seniors have had a great high

school career," said U-46 coach Amy Silverman. "Two-time conference champions, undefeated this season in conference matches. In the last two years, they have only had one conference match loss."
Silverman added: "Both made the UEC all-conference team for the second year, actually three years now for Gabby. I'm very proud of them and I've been very fortunate to have coached them for four years. They have made a huge impact on this co-op team. And I will miss them tremendously."
The modified season saw changes due to COVID-19 regulations, including the state series ending at sectionals, but U-46 was happy to have a season which allowed it to see the squad's future potential with a young team overall.
"This was a wonderful season, so glad we were able to play," Silverman said. "We have four freshmen, a sophomore and junior returning, and I'm looking forward to another great season next fall. I'm a very happy and proud coach, all these kids did a great job all season. And we had a lot of fun and laughs along the way."




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Letters to the Editor

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The fair tax vs. God's Tithe

Dear Editor,

Has anybody thought about God's Tithe requirement started in the Old Testament versus the fair tax today in this concept that people with more money pay a bigger percent? It is interesting that God said they all pay the same rate, 10 percent! I suspect His Tithe really is a sample of a true fair tax and that has everybody paying the same rate. Try calculating the tax someone making more than you, you'll be surprised how much a \$1,000,000 income generates, it's almost \$50,000, isn't that enough! Now try adding a ZERO to each number, the current tax is staggering!

I suggest we all vote no on this. To penalize people that make more money than you is not fair at all.

Steven Durfey

Reasons to oppose the Illinois

Fair Tax

Dear Editor,

1. The Dems are placating the unions. The number one reason that Illinois is in dire financial condition is unpaid pension obligations due to decades of policymaking negligence by Democrat leadership. Pritzker wants the private-sector to bail out the public-sector.

2. Illinois politicians lie but math does not. Don't let the Dems con you into believing that only the rich will get taxed. There are not enough wealthy taxpayers in the state to make this work. If you are middle class, your taxes will go up because this bill is a license for unlimited future taxation.

3. You cannot trust the Illinois Dems. Per the Chicago Tribune they have broken their tax promises at least eight times since 1973.

4. Pritzker had the opportunity to put on November's ballot a constitutional amendment to amend the state's pension clause that would protect benefits earned but reform future pension requirements. Pritzker's dishonest excuse for not doing so is that he was busy dealing with the pandemic. Putting this amendment on the ballot would not have required his undivided attention.

5. Pritzker had the opportunity to put the Fair Maps amendment on the November ballot but he refused to encourage Illinois lawmakers to do so. This would have eliminated the gerrymandering that both parties covet.

Unsurprisingly the Dems want to take but are unwilling to give anything in return. If voters deny this tax and finally begin voting Illinois Democrats out of office, perhaps our representatives will begin listening to us. Until constitutional amendments to reform the Illinois pension program and to reform legislative district mapping are put on a ballot, vote NO to any Illinois tax increase.

Keith Roberts

Lies and more lies

Dear Editor,

Do you want to know the real reason Trump supporters and Biden supporters can't discuss the election with each other?

It's because Trump supporters know the main stream media does nothing but make up lies about Trump, and Biden supporters know Biden does nothing but make up lies!

K. Pasek

Vote no to tax amendment

Dear Editor,

Illinois voters should be aware they are voting to amend the Illinois Constitution's income tax language on Nov. 3, but the actual wording of the amendment is nowhere to be seen on the ballot.

Instead, an explanation is offered that fails to tell voters what they are truly voting for. It explains Illinois currently has a flat income tax under which all taxpayers pay the same rate, and that the amendment itself does not set tax rates.

But then the explanation attempts to convince voters to support it. It explains most states and the federal government already impose a progressive income tax structure. It also says, "it gives the state the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels," misleading voters into thinking they are voting to give a tax cut to lower and middle income earners.

Here is what the constitution would actually say if voters approve the amendment: "The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State."

It goes on to delete the current language, which states "a tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations."

Not only does the amendment change the state's tax structure, it also removes protections from double taxation. The original language of the amendment preserved that protection, but by the time lawmakers produced the final language it made it much easier to impose city taxes.

This change to the General Assembly's taxing powers would give Springfield much more authority to decide whom to tax, how much to tax, and even how many times to tax particular individuals or businesses. Taxpayers would no longer stand united, with the ability to retaliate at the ballot box for lawmakers raising everyone's taxes. Lawmakers by a simple majority vote could divide taxpayers into smaller income groups and gradually impose new taxes with limited political backlash.

The language includes no restrictions or limitations on state politicians' taxing power, other than a cap on the ratio between taxes imposed on corporations and on individuals.

What is presented to voters does not reflect the depth of this change, or even the words that will be placed in the constitution. Many will not know their income can be taxed twice. Instead, they will be expecting to pay a lower tax rate in the future because the explanation implies that.

Also unseen are the rates state lawmakers already passed, which include a marriage penalty on 4 million Illinoisans, fail to adjust for inflation so more taxpayers fall into higher brackets each year and tax increases of as much as 47 percent on over 100,000 small businesses – Illinois' most fertile source of jobs.

Then there is the potential to impose retirement income taxes on 2 million Illinoisans age 65 and older.

Voters deserve to know what they are actually voting on. They should receive an impartial ballot question and explanation about how their taxes will be levied.

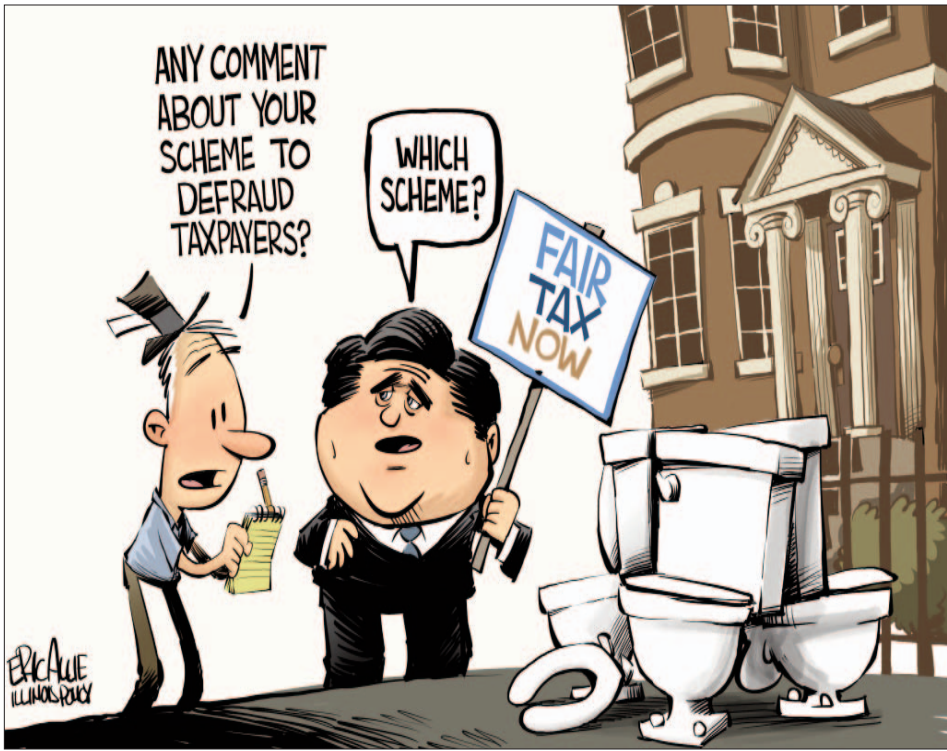
Instead, they received a dishonest portrayal of a change that could hand a blank checkbook to those responsible for 20 years of deficit budgets and \$140 billion in pension debt.

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Sabres boys golf seniors lead squad, earn honors

By Seth Hancock

When the season opened, Streamwood boys golf coach Robert Wise said his two seniors, Corey Cecille and Jake Zolnierczyk, would have a chance at achieving all-conference honors in the Upstate Eight Conference if they worked for it.

Practice paid off as the Sabre seniors highlighted their team's final two competitions in the modified season, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Cecille finished ninth with an 85 and Zolnierczyk 13th with an 88 at the UEC meet on Sept. 28 at St. Andrews Golf Course in West Chicago. Streamwood finished eighth as a team with a 442.

The senior duo led the Sabres at the South Elgin Regional where the Sabres finished seventh, with a 425, in the nine-team field on Oct. 6 at Bartlett Hills Golf Course. Cecille shot an 87 and Zolnierczyk an 88, both a just few strokes off the advancement cutoff to sectionals of 81.

"I felt really good about our season with both of the seniors getting all-conference awards," Wise said. "I'll miss their hard work and dedication."

Really proud of those guys."

Wise also had two sophomores, Austin Barousse and Isak Lujan, competing throughout the year, and he's seen potential for them in the future if they continue to work hard.

"They're pretty new still," Wise said. "They're great kids who are working hard to get better. Golf is a hard game to master. If they keep working the next two years, I expect them to be where Jake and Corey are now."

The season saw changes due to regulations, including the postseason ending at sectionals, but from the start the Sabres were happy to have a season at all especially for their seniors.

"We didn't think we were going to have any kind of season," Wise said. "I'm on Zoom all day, so I'm just happy to come out and see kids. It's great to get out and have at least some kind of normalcy."

"We got lucky because it's one of the few fall sports to be playing right now," Cecille said. Zolnierczyk added: "Some of the sports were postponed, so we're just happy and grateful to have a season."

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minimum daily instruction."

Board member Eva Porter said "we represent a large range of district's, students, staff and stakeholders" and teachers have expressed concerns around "transparency, timely communication, involvement in the decision making process, safely social distancing in the classroom," among others.

She said, regarding parent concerns, "students are falling behind, you say, in some cases," but "we're trying to do the best that we can."

Board member Melissa Owens said "this is not a reflection" on staff, and "I want to recognize... parents and students and families have really come through." Board member Veronica Noland said "it takes everyone doing their part" and people need to have "compassion and understanding.... We are all struggling in this pandemic."

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